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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER AT
MAY 15 BICENTENNIAL CEREMONY, PAULSKIRCHE,
FRANKFURT

1. GERMAN PLANNING GROUP INFORMED US OF MODIFICATION OF
SOME PLANS FOR THE CEREMONY AND ATTENDANT EVENTS, AS
FOLLOWS:

A. MAY 14. DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY LORD MAYOR
INSTEAD OF STEUBEN SOCIETY, 7 P.M., TO BE A LARGE, SOME-
WHAT FOLKSY "FRANKFURTER ABEND."

B. MAY 15. 0930 (INSTEAD OF EARLY P.M.) OPENING OF
GLASS EXHIBIT (MOSTLY AMERICAN). 1000 SIGNING OF THE
GOLDEN BOOK OF FRANKFURT, CITY HALL. 1100 OPENING OF
PAULSKIRCHE CEREMONY. THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOW WORKING ON
DRAFT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S SPEECH IN COORDINATION WITH
FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON. THE GERMAN LEAD-OFF SPEAKER
PLANS TO FOCUS ON THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
VENUE AND THE DATE. 1230 RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESTAG. 1430 FORMAL LUNCHEON FOR
ABOUT SIXTY AT THE SCHLOSS KRONBERG.

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3. ACCORDING TO THIS SCHEDULE, THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM IS

EXTENDED AN HOUR LATER THAN PREVIOUSLY PLANNED, TO ABOUT 1630. SHOULD THE VICE PRESIDENT WANT TO VISIT BRIGADE 76, THE SCHEDULE STILL ALLOWS THIS. HELICOPTER TIME FROM SCHLOSS KRONBERG TO WIESBADEN IS UNDER 10 MINUTES. THE BRIGADE WOULD BE INSPECTED CLOSE TO THE LANDING POINT ALLOWING FOR AS MUCH AS A TWO-HOUR PLUS VISIT. THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD BE RETURNED TO KRONBERG BEFORE 7 P.M.

4. IT WILL BE MOST HELPFUL FOR THE GERMAN PLANNERS TO KNOW IF THERE IS ANY OBJECTION TO THE VICE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY STAYING AT THE SCHLOSS KRONBERG. THE MISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THIS FOR SECURITY AND OTHER REASONS. CROWLEY

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